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Be prepared for a Wicked time!

GET ready for a trip over the rainbow as global phenomenon Wicked prepares to hit the stage at Milton Keynes Theatre.

The musical, which follows the untold story of the witches in Oz, is heading to the city as part of its UK and Ireland tour in February 2014 for a limited four-week run.

Wicked has already been seen by more than 36million people around the world, with six productions running at the same time. It is in its tenth anniversary year on Broadway.

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, March 6 2013, from the Milton Keynes Theatre box office on 0844 871 7652. For more Wicked see MK LIFE, p34, and an interview on our website www.mk-news.co.uk.

Jobs under threat if MK Hospital merges

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A 'PARTNERSHIP' between Milton Keynes and Bedford hospitals which could mean job losses for senior staff is being explored.

And that news comes at a time when Milton Keynes Hospital has announced it is taking on extra nurses in an attempt to cope with the demands on its A&E department.

Hospital bosses have confirmed consultancy firm Ernst and Young is researching the possibility of a partnership between MK and Bedford.

Although it is unclear how this will take shape, a hospital source has claimed around 40 per cent of workers earning a Band 8 salary of between £38-80,000 could be lost across the two organisations.

It is also claimed a second proposal could see a 15 per cent cut in those on Band 7 salaries of £30-40k.

But the new boss at Milton Keynes Hospital has stressed no decisions have yet been made.

Joe Harrison, who is the former chief executive at Bedford Hospital and now in charge at MK Hospital said: "Milton Keynes Hospital is in the very early stages of developing a partnership with Bedford Hospital.

"Ernst and Young has been engaged to help examine the benefits of a potential partnership.

"It is important to note that at this stage, no decisions have been made about the potential partnership."

The hospital has also confirmed it will be taking on four extra nurses per shift, as it creates a new unit for those going in to A&E with minor injuries. This is due to 'unprecedented levels of demand' at A&E, and is designed to help staff more effectively treat those with 'major' injuries.

From March, patients to A&E will be directed to the correct unit.

For more on these stories see our special report on pages 8 and 9.

Duchess of Cornwall set to visit city

HRH the Duchess of Cornwall will be paying a visit to the city next week.

The Duchess will be attending a reception dedicated to the women who served at Bletchley Park during the Second World War at the mansion house on Wednesday.

During her visit HRH will meet some of the women who worked there during wartime.

The women attending the reception filled diverse rolls as part of the codebreaking operation at the park.

The distinguished group includes some of those who served in the Women's Royal Navy Service (WRENS) and operated machines such as the Bombe, Colossus and Heath Robinson, attempting to crack German ciphers alongside their male colleagues. During the war, there were actually more women than men working at Bletchley by three-to-one.

HRH's visit to Bletchley will follow a trip to Medical Detection Dogs in Great Horwood earlier in the day.

The Duchess will take a tour of the charity, which trains dogs to assist people with life-threatening illnesses such as type one diabetes, and to research the early diagnosis of cancer by smelling samples from hospitals.

She will be met there by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire before being introduced to Dr Claire Guest, chief executive of the charity, and staff and health professionals.

HRH will also be introduced to some clients with assistance dogs provided by the charity, before seeing the bio-detection room where one of the dogs will demonstrate how it can pick out samples with cancerous cells.

For more on this story and for pictures, see www.mk-news.co.uk next Wednesday.

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PCC has 'no intention' of seeking re-election

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Thames Valley 'has no intention' of seeking re-election in 2017 – MK NEWS can reveal.

Anthony Stansfeld, who was only elected in November, has said that he does not think the PCC should be too old, and feels that at the age of 67 he should only see out one term.

"At the moment I have no intention of running again," he said.

"To do this job I think you need experience, and of course the time to do the job. When it comes to age I am in the higher bracket of PCCs in the country, and I think that I am on the cusp."

Last week's visit is the first time he had come to Milton Keynes since announcing he would run for the role as PCC.

"I've been in the city for a couple of days and been on two different patrols going around Fishermead," he said.

"I've now had a particularly good look at the area. It's the largest police authority in the Thames Valley area, and it's very different to places like Slough and Wycombe, which are big but nothing like MK."

When asked why he had not yet visited Milton Keynes, Mr Stansfeld said that he had not been given the chance.

"You can only run so many hustings," he said. "It was not my decision to make where the hustings were held."

Mr Stansfeld has recently been drafting his plans for policing in Thames Valley for what appears to be his solitary term up until 2017.

His campaign pledges include reducing alcohol-fuelled crime, rural crime, and crime that targets vulnerable people. He said his draft police and crime plan had 'a positive reaction' from both the police and the public.

On the hunt: Two Mile Ash pupils Charlotte, James and Thariny look for golden tickets with Percy

Kids enjoy day of snow fun

ALL the fun of the piste was enjoyed by children from a city school after they won a competition with the city's snow dome.

Kids at Two Mile Ash School were treated to a day of snowy fun when staff from Snozone, based at Xscape, paid a visit.

The school won the company's Great Glove Giveaway, with all 680 pupils being given a free pair of winter gloves.

In five pairs of gloves was a 'golden ticket' which entitled the finder to four free snowboarding lessons. Snozone mascot Percy the Penguin met pupils, while the kids got to try out a snowboarding simulator, and trained Snozone snowboard instructors gave talks on the sport.

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Eyewear amnesty

AN OPTOMETRIST in Olney wants you to take in your old or unwanted eyewear to help people living in a slum in India. Drop your glasses into Davis Optometrists, based on the High Street, and they will be shipped to India as part of the Slum Doctor Project.

Bag stolen in burglary

A BAG was stolen in a burglary in Monkston on Friday. The offenders got in to the house on Abbeydore Grove through a rear door between 3-6am. Police want anyone who may have any information to come forward, by calling DC Wendy Cissell on 101 or contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Have your say on boundary plans

THE organisation considering changing Milton Keynes' political boundaries and increasing the number of councillors still wants to hear from the public.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is currently consulting on plans to increase the number of MK councillors from 51 to 57, meaning there would be 19 three-member wards across the borough.

Full recommendations are available on www.lgbce.org.uk, and the consultation closes on March 18.

To respond write to The Review Officer (Milton Keynes), LGBCE, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London, EC1M 5LG.

Waste smells being dealt with

OWNERS of a landfill site to the south of the city are taking measures to try to reduce the smell it makes.

Around 20 complaints have been made to the Environment Agency since December by residents living near the site south of Bletchley, run by FCC Waste Services.

The Environment Agency, the operators, are 'in the process of installing additional gas extraction and cladding to seal the site', and it is happy with the steps being taken which should be finished in the next week.

Blowing a kiss: Emily Nixon from MK Gallery gets in the mood ahead of Valentine's Day

Find someone to kiss stupid

TOMORROW is the most romantic day of the year and MK Gallery has got right into the spirit.

To mark Valentine's Day, this limited edition print by past exhibitor David Austen has been put on sale. And it's got a very simple message for any loved-up couples in the city – kiss me stupid.

In our picture Emily Nixon from the Gallery shows us how it's done and if you want to do the same, the print can be yours for £100.

The 535mm x 375mm piece is a hand-printed lithograph and available from the gallery's shop.

Mr Austen has also produced a companion piece, simply and appropriately known as 'I Love You'.

For many couples becoming £8,000 richer would be the perfect Valentine's present, but nobody has yet found a cheque for that amount which artist Tomas Georgeson claims to have hidden somewhere in the building. He has set a closing date of March 1 for it to be discovered.

Salden Chase is back on the table

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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DEVELOPERS are reigniting plans to build the controversial Salden Chase site on the outskirts of the city, MK NEWS can reveal.

In 2010 a consortium of five firms withdrew their plans for around 5,000 homes to the south of Bletchley, near Newton Longville, after widespread opposition.

But now the South West Milton Keynes Consortium, made up of companies including Taylor Wimpey and Connolly Homes, is preparing a fresh application.

This time around the companies are planning to build 1,850 homes on the same site, including affordable housing, a primary school and nursery, a local centre, footpaths and cycle ways, green spaces and an area for employment.

It is estimated the site would create 474 jobs during construction and 700 jobs in retail, education and 'domestic services' once built. The employment area could also create 1,470 jobs.

Two public exhibitions are set to be held later this year.

Despite these plans being much smaller than the previous proposals, some are concerned more applications could be forthcoming if this one is successful. This is something the consortium denies.

Richard Astle, a spokesman for the consortium, said: "The revised plan is the only application being submitted by the consortium. It has no plans to develop any other area of the site."

But West Bletchley parish councillor Nigel Long is still concerned. He said: "It would cause massive road problems, it would affect the drainage of the neighbouring areas and the new residents would pay council tax in Aylesbury Vale but use Milton Keynes services."

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Post Office moving?

THE Post Office in thecentre:mk is consulting on plans to move from its current location to Midsummer Boulevard. The company says the new premises would be more modern, and would have longer opening hours. Comments must be made by March 26 to Freepost YOUR COMMENTS to Post Office Ltd, comments@postoffice.co.uk or 08457 223344.

Charity bowled over

A CHEQUE for £700 was presented to city charity MacIntyre after a charity bowls match. Money raised by the game between Woburn Sands and Bletchley will go to the charity's learning centre redevelopment at Great Holm.

Station update enters final phase

THE final stages of the redevelopment of a city railway station are now under way.

Following a number of delays, Wolverton Station is now set to be completed in ten weeks' time.

The pedestrian access and new car park is now being worked on, before work begins on refurbishing the car park entrance and drainage connection to the sewer.

The pick-up area will vary during these times, with notices on site telling commuters of any changes in advance.

A Milton Keynes Council internal investigation into the delays, which was revealed by MK NEWS last year, is continuing.

Farm fined for smelly manure

A FARMING firm has been fined for the second time for spreading smelly chicken manure.

Fullers Farming Ltd, which owns Bottlehouse Farm to the west of the city, was fined £10,000 on Monday at MK Magistrates' Court for breaching a council abatement notice for creating a smell reaching several estates.

The company, which pleaded not guilty, was served the abatement notice in 2009. This is the second time it has been fined for breaking the notice, the first being in September 2011.

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Why not try rasing funds for the BHF

SIR – As you may already know February is National Heart Month when the nation's heart charity, the British Heart Foundation (BHF), encourages the Great British public to think about their hearts and the hearts of those around them.

We also use this time to urge the UK to raise vital funds for us and this year saw our first ever Rock Up In Red event take place with people across the South East donning their best red items and donating £2 to us on February 1.

In the South East, there are 275,471 people living with heart disease. We have seen people in the area support us in various ways including a 'bring and buy' sale and a red tie ball. We are hugely grateful for the funds raised so far, which will go towards supporting the 2.3 million people in the UK currently living with heart disease.

With this in mind, we wanted to call on your readers to continue to support us as there is still time to get involved with National Heart Month and raise funds for the BHF's life-saving work.

Readers can hold a red bake sale, challenge friends and family to a quiz or organise their own Rock Up In Red event.

You can also buy a love note or pin badge at your local BHF shop.

For more information and tips on how to fundraise, visit bhf.org.uk/red or call the hotline on 0300 330 0645.

Kim Brophy BHF
Fundraising Volunteer Manager

Is the MK Rose really just a white elephant?

SIR – So the MK Rose sculpture is going ahead ('First ten MK Rose pillars selected', MK NEWS, February 6).

This Conservative project has to be the biggest white elephant Milton Keynes has seen since the hockey stadium.

The sculpture will cost more than £1m, yet at the same time the council is proposing to cut local bus services, charge residents £25 to have bulk waste collected from their homes and cancel all grants to voluntary organisations.

The Conservatives should focus their priorities on the real needs of Milton Keynes.

Catherine Barnes
Emerson Valley

A mistake not to grit paths and redways

SIR – I agree with Philip Ashbourne (MK Letters, February 6) that it was a major omission not to clear, salt and grit the paths and redways.

After all, most road users have the stability of four points of contact with the ground, whereas almost all users of the redways have the instability of only two.

If an accident should happen, most users of the roads are protected by a layer of steel, whereas no redway users are.

Frederick Toates
Sent by e-mail

We should cull foxes for the right reasons

SIR – I write to you about the increasing debate over whether there should be a cull of urban foxes.

I have heard many arguments over the weekend following the terrible and unfortunate incident in London, in which a baby was hospitalised following an attack.

I can understand views on both sides, for and against a cull, but there is one argument I cannot abide.

That is that we should cull the foxes, 'because they killed my rabbits'.

I have heard this on radio debates, and even from the mouth of one of my friends.

How ridiculous. Of course they killed your rabbits!

You put a rabbit, a fox's natural prey, in the garden where they can easily reach it and in a cage where it cannot get away.

And then you are surprised to find it dead or disappeared in the morning.

Which would you choose, given the decision? To run around after your chicken, kill it, prepare it and then eat it, or to have one that is handed to you on a plate?

Jo Downey
Wolverton

Forget the £8k. Just enjoy the artworks

SIR – So apparently artist Tomas Georgeson has hidden a cheque for £8,000 in MK Gallery (MK NEWS, February 6).

Well, whether you believe this to be true or not, there may be method in Mr Georgeson's madness as he has certainly got people talking about what is a wonderful facility for the city.

It seems that many more people have flocked through the doors on the off-chance of making a few bob and I really hope that some of them may pop back again, not to look for the money but because they liked what they had seen the first time around.

Places like theatres and galleries give cities their class and identity and we need to support them.

It strikes me that many people are happy knowing that these buildings exist but never actually go into them, and if everybody did this where would we be left?

Taking a visit to the gallery doesn't take long so why not support this city gem?

And if you do go treasure hunting for the mystery cheque, make sure you leave a donation.

Tim Carter
Furzton

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Mark Lancaster MP tries work experience

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EVER since they arrived on our shores, I have been a self-confessed McDonald's fan.

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Having learnt from my recent shift at Subway that these things are never as easy as they look, I prepared myself for the fact that constructing a Big Mac was going to be no simple task!

Greeted by Ken Tomkins, the long-serving franchisee of the Xscape and Westcroft stores, I was handed a personalised 'MP' badge and I was set to get a taste of life as a Maccy D's employee.

Tom Dewhurst, business manager, was in charge of my shift. His determination to 'lead from the front,' as he put it, was inspiring, and appealed to my militaristic background!

The organisation behind the counter is incredible, a production line for every component; heating the buns, frying the patties, and wrapping the cheeseburgers.

The meticulous process of putting a Big Mac together took me a while to grapple with. I was amazed to watch the experts put four of them together in the time it took me to grill my buns! But sitting down to taste my hard work made it all worth it – surely one of the perks of the job.

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Rocking in the city: The Pigeon Detectives will play at stadiummk before MK Dons v Barnsley

Pigeon Detectives up for cup

INDIE rockers The Pigeon Detectives are to perform on the stadiummk pitch ahead of Saturday's FA Cup fifth round clash between MK Dons and Barnsley.

They will perform their track 'Animal' as part of a battle of the bands-style competition which seeks to find the soundtrack to the famous cup.

A six-strong shortlist of acts is taking part and the winner will be chosen by the public ahead of the final.

MOBO-award-winning rapper Lethal Bizzle kicked off the search in the third round, with VMA-nominated Devlin taking to the stage ahead of Manchester City's defeat of Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the previous round.

The initiative is part of the FA's 150th anniversary celebrations and voting will begin after the semi-finals.

Officials say 'no' to Primark plan

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PLANS to move the city's market and demolish part of a bridge to extend thecentre:mk have been dealt a blow.

That's after Milton Keynes Council planning officers yesterday revealed they are recommending the plans for refusal.

The final decision on plans for the extension which would house a Primark store, in place of the current market site and part of Secklow Gate bridge, will be made by councillors at a meeting on February 21.

But in the meantime council planning staff have said they don't think the extension should go ahead.

They have cited the loss of the current market without another suitable site, and the design and scale of the proposed development as the two reasons for their recommendations.

Their report states: "The proposed development would result in the loss of the existing market site without securing a suitable replacement site. The market provides a significant level of employment and is a valued community facility."

It adds: "The benefits of the scheme including economic benefits, improvements to the public realm and benefits associated with opening up land to the south, would be significantly reduced by the loss of MK market."

The owners of thecentre:mk are now 'carefully considering their position'.

Jonathan Weymouth, development director at the shopping centre, said: "We are obviously disappointed with regard to the planning officer's recommendation for our proposals at Secklow Gate. The owners are now carefully considering their position."

For more on this story, see www.mk-news.co.uk.

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Chimney fire spreads

A CHIMNEY fire spread to a bedroom at a house in Little Brickhill at the weekend. The first floor of the three-storey house on Watling Street was 50 per cent damaged by smoke, and the second floor completely damaged by smoke on Saturday. Four city fire crews attended.

Manhunt launched

A MANHUNT is under way for a burglary suspect who skipped his bail. David May, 41, of no fixed abode, failed to answer his bail at Milton Keynes police station last Tuesday, February 5, after being arrested on suspicion of burglary on January 21. Anyone with information on where he is should call 101.

Man, 73, is robbed at knifepoint

A 73-YEAR-OLD man was robbed at knifepoint in Bletchley on Sunday.

At around 4pm the man was walking down an alley off Kincardine Drive when he was approached by three black men.

They surrounded him, and one produced a knife. One took £140 cash from the man's pocket, and the man with the knife forced him to remove his two rings.

The offenders are all aged between 15-18. The first was wearing a grey hooded top, the second blue jeans and dark hooded top, and third a grey hooded top with blue jeans.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Would-be robber punched

A TEENAGER punched a would-be robber in the face.

At 4pm on Wednesday the 13-year-old boy was walking home along Oriel Close, Wolverton, when he was approached by a man who demanded his phone.

The boy refused and he punched the offender in the face, who then ran off in the direction of The Radcliffe School.

The offender was wearing a black balaclava, a dark Adidas short jacket and blue jeans.

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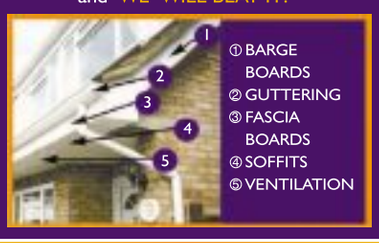

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Pop art tribute for local MP

IT ALMOST looks like a spot-the-difference contest as MP Iain Stewart holds the portrait of him by a local artist.

Robert Rusin was inspired to create the image after the Conservative MP's speech on gay marriage in the House of Commons.

He says that the 'someone at the minute' tagline was taken from Iain's speech, and a Twitter user's reaction to it.

"He said in his speech that he didn't have someone at the minute, and this tweeter said they would like to find him someone," said the 37-year-old artist.

"Often you get these iconic pictures of artists and singers with famous lines that they have said, and I thought it would be something lighthearted for people to enjoy and get away from the controversy."

The MP said he was 'touched' by the portrait – presented to him by MK NEWS.

"I'm very flattered, and I'm almost embarrassed, in a good way of course," he told us. "It's quite touching that someone has gone to the time and effort to do this.

"It was a heartfelt speech, I didn't have any notes, just a couple of things to prompt me. I didn't think anything of it at the time."

The MP trending on Twitter was Robert's inspiration, but Mr Stewart said: "Someone had to explain to me what trending was. Having found out I wish all my speeches received the same reaction!"

Seeing double: Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart poses with Robert Rusin's pop art tribute to him, inspired by his speech on gay marriage

Manning murder trial jury is out

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE jury in the Rachel Manning murder trial has retired to consider its verdict.

The jury in the trial at Luton Crown Court could now return at any time to deliver its verdict on defendant Shahidul Ahmed after retiring yesterday.

That was after a witness told the court Rachel's boyfriend confessed he had strangled her following an argument.

Boyfriend Barri White was serving a life sentence for her murder at the time of the alleged confession, but his conviction was quashed by the Court of Appeal. He was later acquitted by a jury at a retrial, having spent six years in custody.

But two years later police linked DNA findings from the unsolved murder to 41-year-old restaurant worker Shahidul Ahmed, and he was arrested and charged. He pleads not guilty to murder.

Mr Ahmed, from Chestnut Crescent, Bletchley, has decided not to give evidence in his defence, but his barrister Michael Borelli QC called the witness to the stand on Friday.

The witness gave evidence from behind a screen and has been given complete anonymity. He is referred to as Witness 419. He told the jury he met Barri White in 2004 or 2005 during which he claimed Mr White confessed to him he had strangled his girlfriend. The witness said he did not tell anyone about the 'confession' until 2009 by which time Mr White was a free man.

Recounting the conversation he told the court: "I am a little bit fuzzy on what went on because it was so long ago. Briefly it was about what he had done to Rachel Manning and how he had killed her."

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Shetland pony found

POLICE are searching for the owners of a Shetland pony after it was rescued from the side of a dual carriageway. The tan and white pony was found at the side of the H8 Standing Way in Tattenhoe on Tuesday, February 5. Although it is microchipped, the owners have not yet been traced. If you have any information call Keith Lavery on 101.

Burglary appeal

BURGLARS left a house empty handed after they broke into the home in Stacey Bushes on Saturday. Between 7-8.25pm the offenders broke into the property in White Alder by smashing a window. If you have any information call the police on 101.

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FILM lovers are again being asked to vote for their favourites to be shown at this year's outdoor cinema.

The popular event returns to Campbell Park on August 17 and 18, with three showing each day.

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As in previous years, punters can vote for the movies that will be shown, with choices this year including Jurassic Park, Shrek, Lion King and Mamma Mia.

To vote go to www.theparkstrust.com.

Locked up for false passport

A MAN has been jailed for nine months after being found with a fake passport.

Abiodun Gbeaga Lawal, 35, of Stephenson House, Bletchley, admitted a charge of possession/control of identity documents with intent at Aylesbury Crown Court and was sentenced last Tuesday.

Police executed a warrant on December 10 under the Misuse of Drugs Act at Lawal's home address in Bletchley, and a passport given to police by Lawal was found to be fraudulent.

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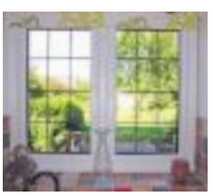

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Major changes in the

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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SOME big changes are under consideration at MK Hospital and across the city's NHS.

A partnership is being considered with Bedford Hospital, and a new unit is being created to deal with 'minor' A&E patients, with more nurses being hired.

And this is all against the backdrop of the Healthier Together programme, which has been consulting on how services can be shared across five of the region's hospitals and which is now nearing a critical stage.

Although exactly what is being considered has not been confirmed by either hospital, as reported on page 1, a source claims a number of senior staff at both hospitals could be axed if a merger goes ahead.

MK Hospital CEO Joe Harrison

A spokesman for Bedford Hospital said: "We are currently working with Ernst and Young as part of our work to assess the benefits to our patients of a potential partnership with Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

"Part of this work includes looking at current 'back office' functions such as finance, human resources, estates, etc, at both trusts, and assessing the potential for improved efficiencies should any form of partnership go ahead.

"This work is at an early stage of identifying potential benefits and proposals have yet to be developed, so it is too early to speculate on what or how many positions might be affected."

Andrew Pakes, who will be the Labour Parliamentary candidate for MK South in the next general election, said he suspected a merger might be on the cards when former Bedford Hospital chief executive Joe Harrison was appointed to that position in Milton Keynes.

And following the news consultancy firm Ernst and Young is putting in the groundwork, he is going to be keeping an eye on the process.

He told MK NEWS: "People will be rightly concerned that any merger of hospital services will mean a poorer quality of care for patients. We are a growing city and need the resources to keep up with an expanding population, not less.

"While a partnership between the two hospitals could work we need to ensure that the changes are for the benefit of patients.

"We now need complete clarity about what these changes mean for patients and staff."

Mr Pakes' opposite number, MP Iain Stewart, said any proposals for changes should be subject to a public consultation.

Mr Stewart said: "I think there are merits in the hospitals working more closely but I am very clear this must be on the basis of improving clinical outcomes for patients.

"We must also make sure MK gets the health care to match the needs of a growing population. That's why Mark Lancaster and I have met with the hospital and the Health Secretary to press the case for an expanded A&E facility at Milton Keynes Hospital."

The hospital has confirmed it is creating a separate A&E unit to deal with minor injuries, due to unprecedented demand.

Darren Leech, chief operating officer at the hospital, said: "To ensure all our patients continue to receive safe, quality care in a timely way, our clinicians have made the decision to treat patients with only minor injuries in an adjoining area known as the Maple Unit.

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pipeline for hospital

All change: A number of major changes, including a merger, are being considered at Milton Keynes Hospital

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Meanwhile the Healthier Together review, which was consulting on how MK and Bedford, together with Luton, Kettering and Northampton hospitals could share services, is coming to the end of its first phase.

It has gathered evidence from hundreds of clinicians and thousands of patients and members of the public, and will make its findings public next month.

These findings will then be passed on to the new Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) – the organisations formed to take over from PCTs on April 1, which will commission healthcare services for patients.

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Appeal launched for little Henry, 3

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN APPEAL is urging people to donate small change which could help a three-year-old boy battle cancer.

Last year Henry Allen was diagnosed with high risk stage four neuroblastoma, a cancer which affects the nervous system, and the toddler is currently receiving treatment.

Collections for the Henry Allen appeal take place on February 17, at locations including Emerson Valley Centre, Milton Keynes Business Centre in Foxhunter Drive, Linford Wood, and Melrose Pre-School in Bletchley.

The group is hoping to raise between £300,000-£500,000, and the group says that if every adult in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas donated £2 in loose change, the family could send Henry abroad for treatment should the cancer return.

The relapse rate for neuroblastoma is 80 per cent, and treatment in countries such as Germany and America could double his chances of survival.

Henry's mother Dawn said: "We appreciate times are tough for everyone right now, which is why we hope people will dig deep for their loose change, coppers and five pences, rather than feel they have to give more.

Brave smile: 3-year-old Henry Allen has been battling neuroblastoma

"Henry has undergone chemotherapy and surgery during the past year and is now on a clinical immunotherapy trial. This is the time when children tend to relapse, and we have to be in a position do everything we can to help our beautiful little boy.

"We have been relying on our own mantra of 'hope, dream, believe' for the past year – now we have to put all our hope in the good people out there who might be willing to get behind Henry."

The group has already raised £7,500, and has had support on social media sites from celebrities such as Kara Tointon and Gail Porter.

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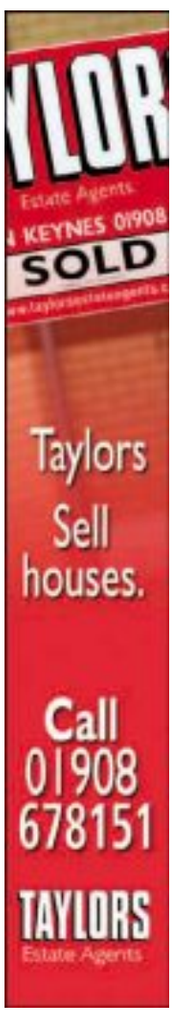

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Fenny Lock's Tesco centre set to reopen

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AROUND 300 jobs are expected to be created after supermarket giant Tesco announced it will be reopening its city distribution centre.

As revealed by MK NEWS the Fenny Lock centre was originally closed in March 2011 when there were 1,000 employees. Some staff transferred to transport firm Eddie Stobart, and some to a new depot.

The closure took place after the supermarket company opened its new depot at the Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal, which is 60 per cent bigger than Fenny Lock and allows more products to be transported by rail.

But now the company has announced a U-turn following a 'review of the online distribution network', with the Fenny Lock site now scheduled to open again in May with around 300 transferred and new positions.

A Tesco spokesman said: "Following a review of our online distribution network, Tesco has announced plans to reopen its Fenny Lock distribution centre in Milton Keynes, creating 300 jobs.

"The move will enable us to deliver better service for customers as our online business grows.

"Part of the business currently operated from our Daventry site will move to Fenny Lock, and we are working with USDAW to support affected colleagues through this difficult time.

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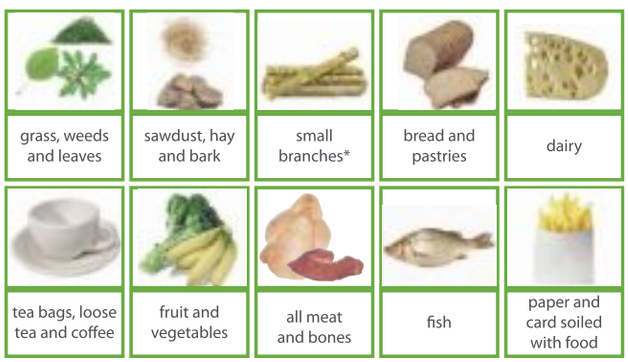

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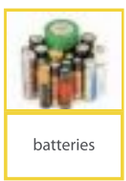

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Staff are tied up in robbery

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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The 'extremely harrowing' incident happened at the Nationwide Building Society in Queensway, Bletchley, at around 5.30pm on Tuesday, February 5.

Two staff members were tied up by three robbers.

The robbers were all black, wearing balaclavas and boiler suits.

They managed to escape through the back doors of the building, although Thames Valley Police would not confirm how much cash was taken in the raid.

Although the staff were incapacitated, a police spokesman said there was no apparent use of weapons in the incident.

Investigating officer Detective Sergeant Sally Kestin said: "This was an extremely harrowing experience for the staff at the Nationwide branch in Bletchley and we are keen to bring the offenders to justice.

"We would appeal to anyone with any information about the incident to contact the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre, via 101."

If you have any information about the incident contact DS Kestin via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Scene of the crime: The Nationwide Building Society on Queensway in Bletchley

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Chief promotes MK in China visit

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE chief executive of Milton Keynes Council has visited China to promote the city as an attractive location.

David Hill took part in an urban development forum, which was hosted by a Chinese business television station.

Present at the forum were Chinese national and international business leaders, who wanted to analyse the benefits and the challenges of urbanisation.

They were seeking to learn from the experience of other cities elsewhere in the world.

On the trip, funded by the Chinese hosts, Mr Hill put forward MK as an excellent template for Chinese cities to learn from.

The two hour debate also included the Mayor of Sandy Springs in Georgia, USA, and two mayors of major Chinese cities.

Council chief executive David Hill during his recent visit to the urban development forum in China

Mr Hill told those present that MK had a 'thriving economy, presence of blue chip companies, and a focus on sustainability'.

Mr Hill said: "It was an opportunity too good to miss and I was impressed by the calibre of some of my fellow delegates. There were some real heavyweights there.

"Milton Keynes is already recognised by many in China as being an exemplary new city, and we have welcomed a number of visitors from China in recent years.

"I hope my visit has boosted Milton Keynes' reputation in China.

"Although it was something of a whistle-stop tour, we were made very welcome by our hosts, who clearly see Milton Keynes for the innovative and potentially 'world leading' place it is."

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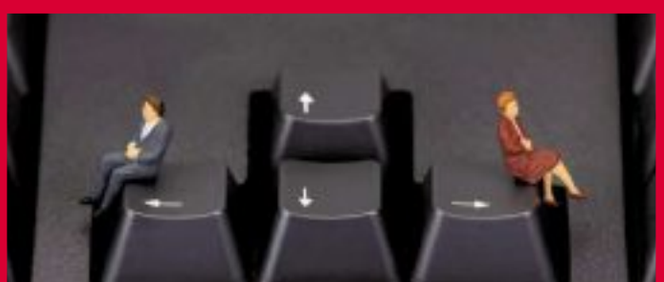

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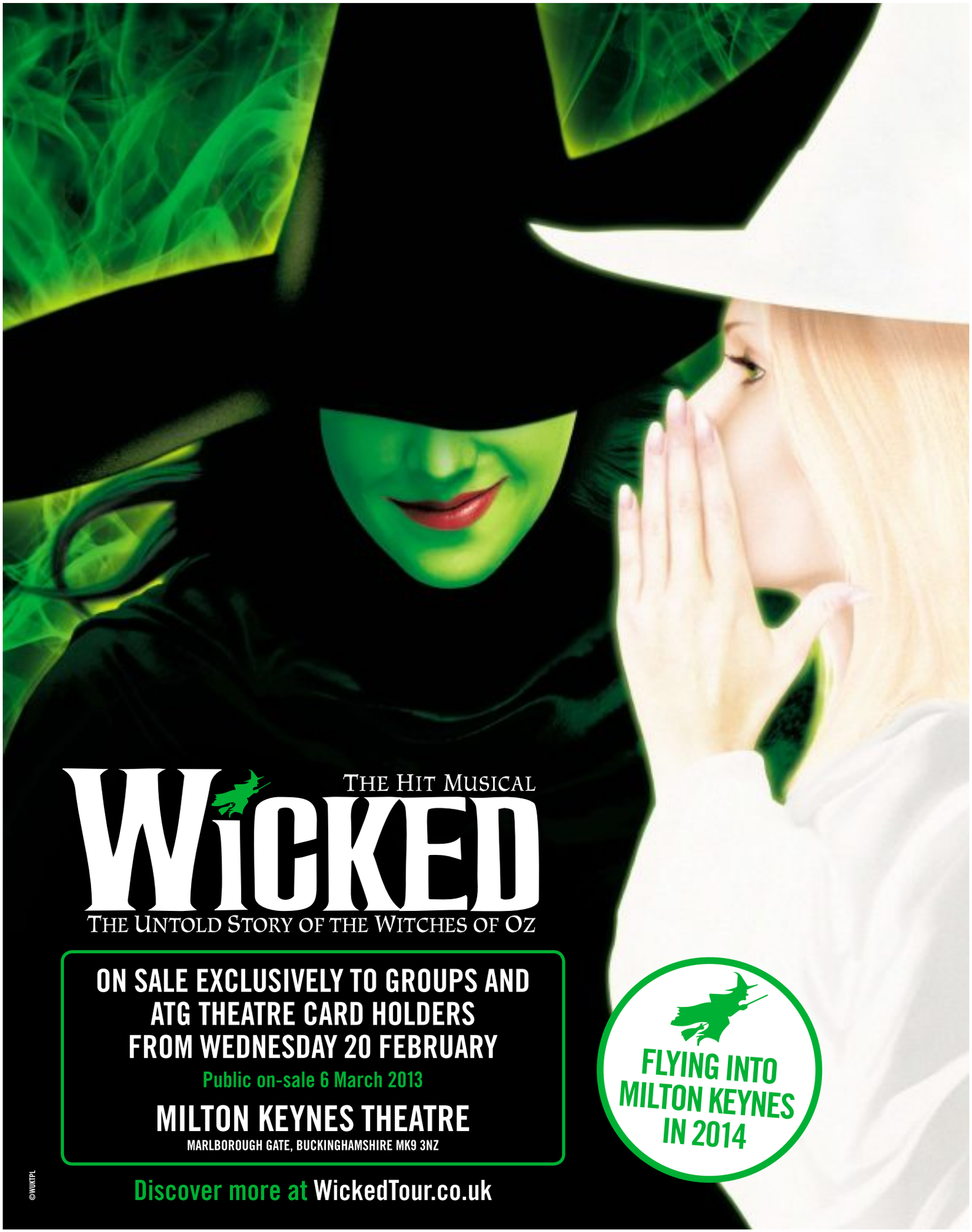
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The sensory room is filled with different items to help the care home residents relax, read, listen and touch different textures.

It was opened recently by the mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Catriona Morris.

The special sensory room schoolchildren have helped kit out

£297k to help school kids who fall behind

BY JAMES AVERILL
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SCHOOLS across Milton Keynes will receive £297,000 in extra funding to help Year 7 pupils who have fallen behind.

The education spokesman for Milton Keynes Liberal Democrats, Robin Bradburn, says the money will help schools in providing extra tuition for children who had fallen behind in literacy and maths at the end of primary school.

Each secondary school will receive £500 per pupil to help them catch up with classmates.

"We strongly believe that no pupil should be left behind in our schools," said Cllr Bradburn.

"To achieve this it is hugely important that every child has a strong grasp of maths and a good reading ability when they start secondary school."

The funding was originally announced by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg in September 2012. Figures show that pupils who fall behind in English and maths when they start secondary school may struggle in getting GCSE results.

Only 30 per cent of those not achieving Level 4 in reading at the end of primary school go on to get five A* to C at GCSE.

One of the schools which will benefit from the additional funding is Milton Keynes Academy.

The principal, Dara Carroll, says that while schools have set out to help kids catch up, any extra help will be welcomed.

"I would certainly welcome the funding," he said. "We currently have staff who provide extra tuition, and this would help us enhance some of the measures we have put in place."

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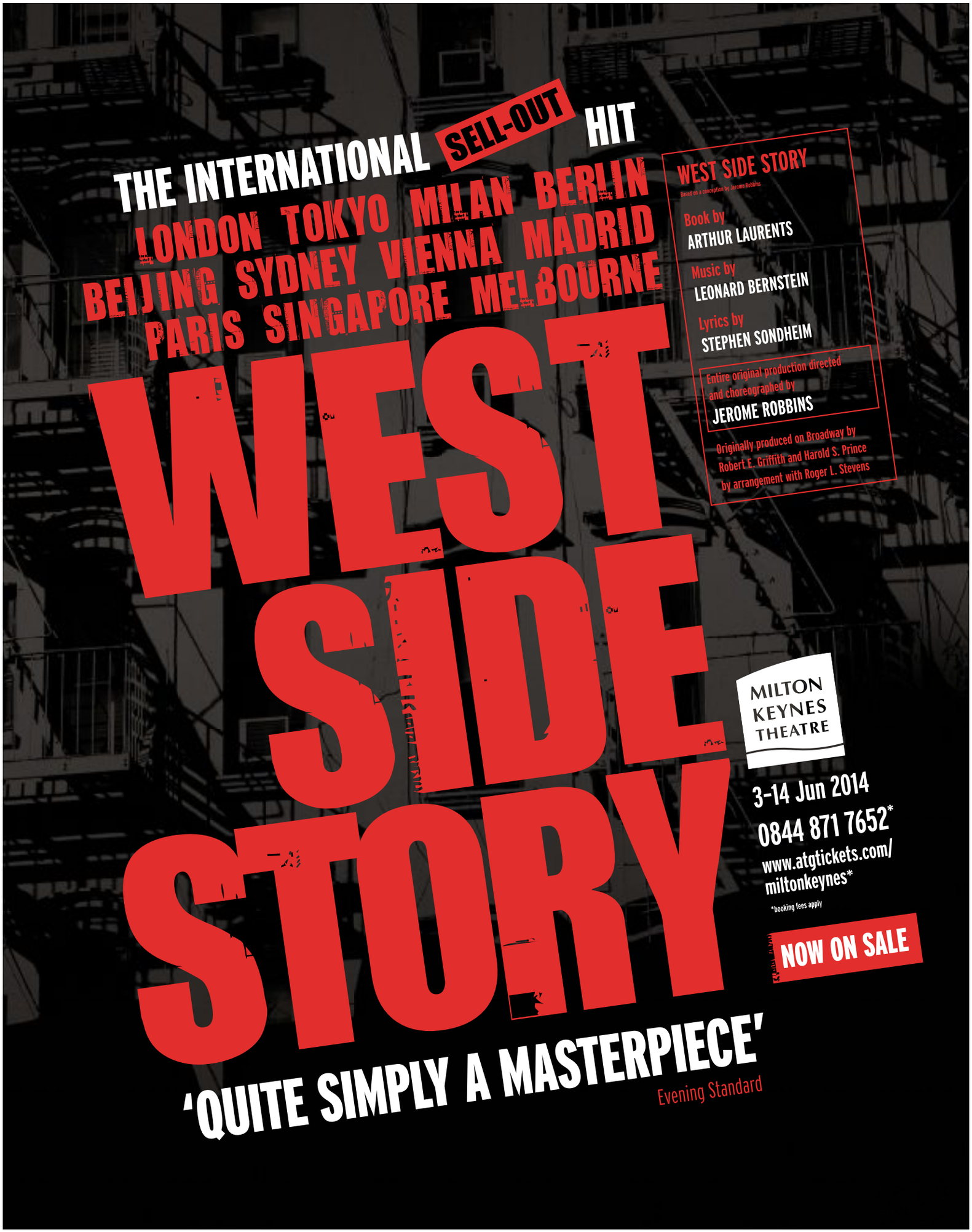
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Plus points given to 'outstanding' agency

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY adoption agency is celebrating after receiving a glowing review of its services.

Adoptionplus, which is based in Moulsoe, near Newport Pagnell, has been lavished with praise following an inspection by Ofsted – the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

The agency's performance was described as 'outstanding' for five different categories – overall effectiveness, outcomes for children and young people, leadership and management, quality of service and safeguarding children and young people.

According to Ofsted's guidelines, an outstanding rating means a service of exceptional quality that significantly exceeds minimum requirements.

Adoptionplus aims to find families for children who are likely to be over the age of four and have therapeutic needs, due to their early life experiences of abuse and trauma.

A team of staff offer a range of unique therapies and families involved have access to the support whenever they need it.

Glowing report: The Adoptionplus team at Moulsoe is celebrating its Ofsted success after being described as 'extremely effective'

Families in Milton Keynes are among those who are helped and Joanne Alper, service director, praised the contribution of the entire team.

"It is wonderful," she said. "Helping hurt and neglected children live in happy and loving families is the best gift anyone can give. Effective adoption support is essential and I'm pleased that the government is starting to realise this."

The agency is currently looking for people who are interested in becoming adoptive parents.

The Ofsted report states: "Adoptionplus is an extremely effective adoption agency whose forward thinking and passionate approach to adoption provides outstanding outcomes.

"This is an agency which has total commitment to treating people fairly, openly and with respect throughout the process and adopters confirmed that they felt nurtured and safe throughout the adoption journey."

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OLNEY PANCAKE RACE

A flipping good time

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE oldest pancake race in the world continued its long history yesterday.

Olney Pancake Race has been held since 1445, when it is believed that a woman who was running late for the church's shriver service bolted from her house as she heard the bells, still carrying her pancake and frying pan.

Since then, a number of female residents in Olney have battled in their aprons for the prestige of winning the race.

This year's winner was Devon Byrne, who retained her title from last year and set a new record of 56 seconds.

Devon edged out runner-up Kaisa Larkas-Mossop, and Emma Attwood in third place.

Shortly after crossing the line Devon said: "I'm chuffed, and exhausted! It was really cold out there today.

"It's such a prestigious race that has been going for years."

Devon has spent her life in the town of Olney, and for her the race has always had a family connection.

Her mother Lesley competed and won the race three times, in 1988, 1989 and 1993. While Lesley was not able to attend, Devon was cheered on by her grandmother Barbara Firban.

"We're very proud of her," said Barbara. "She's doing a sports science degree at Loughborough University so she's quite sporty. She's also a good cook as well and had to made her pancake this morning."

Competitors must make their own pancake and flip them once at the beginning of the race and once at the end.

But it was not just adult entrants, because organisers pride themselves on getting young children in the community involved.

Pupils from three schools, Olney Infant Academy, Olney Middle School and Ousedale School, all took part.

There was also a first year of racing for children at the Olney Nursery School, and they competed in the first races.

One Olney Nursery child who took part was four-year-old Harry Robbins. His mother Leanne was cheering him on in the crowd.

"It was really cute seeing them race," she said. "Harry has been practising for a week with his older brother, although they have had to use some fajitas a couple of times!"

There was also a special visit to the celebrations by American Steve Leete, whose father LJ helped found the friendly rivalry between Olney and American town Liberal, which holds its own version of the pancake race.

This is Steve's first visit to Olney and he was delighted to finally make the trip.

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Winner: 19-year-old Devon Byrne

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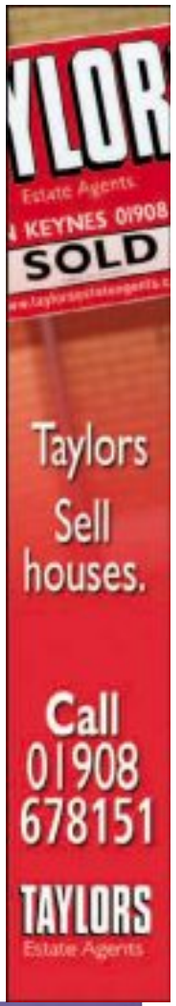

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How can I find out more and get involved?

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There will be an opportunity during the first consultation period (13 February to 20 March 2013) to find out more and to make your views known.

This leaflet provides a summary of the proposal to set up a Co-operative Foundation Trust. Full details of the proposal are set out in 'Booklet 1: Changing from Community School to Foundation School Category and acquiring a Charitable Trust'. 'Booklet 2: Questions and Answers' provides responses to a series of commonly asked questions about Co-operative Trusts. Both of these booklets are available on the school websites and offices.

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If you are unable to attend the meeting your view is still welcome on the questionnaire enclosed. At the end of the consultation period the governing bodies will consider a report on the outcome of the consultation and then decide whether to continue with the proposal or to remain a community school.

The consultation process

The process is in two stages, the first being an initial period of consultation with all stakeholders, followed by a meeting for the Governing Bodies to decide whether to proceed to the second stage which is a formal period of consultation.

Stakeholder Consultation Period	13 Feb - 20 Mar
Governing Bodies meet to consider responses and vote on final proposals	27 Mar
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OLNEY PANCAKE RACE

MK Mayor Catriona Morris, *right*, starts the race featuring young children from the Olney Nursery School

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Steve is even staying in the same room of the same hotel as his father did years ago.

"It's great to finally come here," said Steve. "My dad saw an article about the race and thought it would be a nice idea for Liberal too. Since then it has been a 53-year friendship between the towns. This is such a friendly place. I feel I have come to a family. Our celebrations are four days long, but we owe it all to the original Olney race."

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Youngsters from Olney Infant Academy race in their costumes

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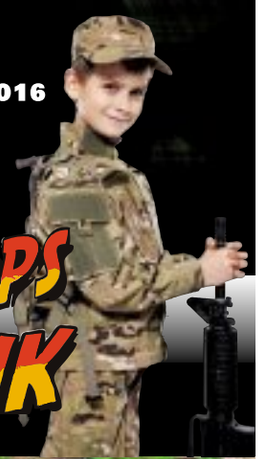

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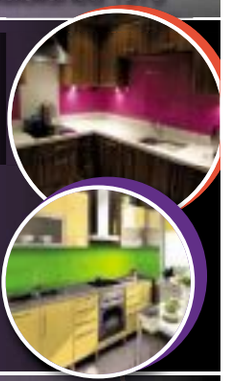

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Melanie Beck of thecentre:mk, *fourth from left*, presents the £11,331 cheque to Jane Palmer of Age UK Milton Keynes, *fourth from right*. It was the most raised by the wishing pool since Christmas 2008

Xmas pool nets £11k

BY JAMES AVERILL
james.averill@mk-news.co.uk

A WISHING pool in thecentre:mk has raised £11,331 for Milton Keynes Age UK.

The pool, displayed in the centre's Land of Enchanted Dreams Christmas display, delivered a massive 177 per cent increase on last year's donations.

It was also the highest amount raised by the centre's wishing pool since 2008.

The coins were dried and sorted by volunteers from Age UK, John Lewis, Accenture, and Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

After draining the pool they found a staggering 188,028 coins, including 80,749 1p coins, 46,981 2p coins and 24,542 5p coins.

Age UK was chosen as the 2012 Christmas beneficiary, and the money will go towards helping local elderly people lead a more independent life.

The shoppers' generous donations will also ensure that their Handyperson service can continue to provide help with small tasks such as plumbing and small electrical jobs.

Robert Hall, director of thecentre:mk, said: "Age UK Milton Keynes provides such a great service to the Milton Keynes community and to many individual lives. We are thrilled our shoppers donated so generously and hope this will provide an amazing boost to both finances and morale."

Jane Palmer, chief executive of Age UK Milton Keynes, was similarly delighted with the amount donated by MK shoppers.

"We are delighted to have been chosen as the beneficiary and are overwhelmed by the generosity of Christmas shoppers at thecentre:mk," she said.

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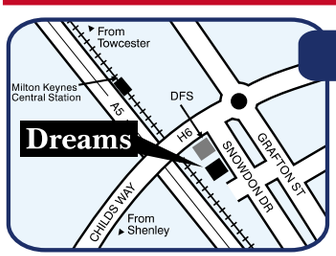

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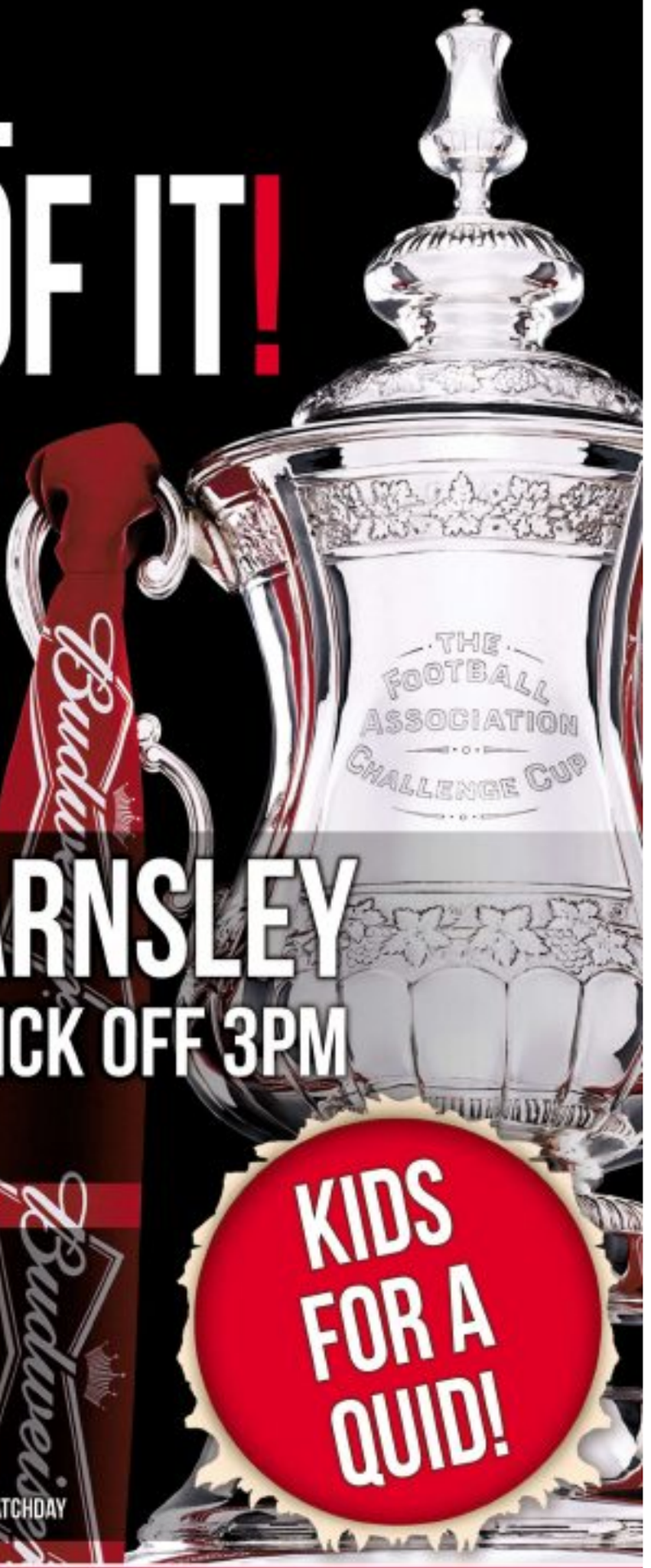

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'SOMEWHERE, hidden amongst the thorny brambles is a little kingdom where everyone is very small...' But not so small that you can't see them and, if you are something of a small person yourself, you will probably already know and love them.

On February 19/20, from the makers of Peppa Pig, comes the first ever stage version of the BAFTA award-winning TV animation, Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom.

Fairy princess Holly is still at Key Stage One when it comes to performing magic spells so from time to time, things don't go exactly as planned. Her best friend Ben is an Elf. Elves don't do magic but they are very good at making things. And though Ben doesn't have wings like Holly, he gets around by hitching an airborne lift on the back of Gaston the Ladybird.

This new musical adventure is perfectly pitched at the smallest members of the family who will probably know and love all the characters anyway. With actors, masks and colourful costumes, the show, packed full of games, songs and laughter, interweaves several stories and adventures. Just what you need to create a little bit of theatre magic! www.atgtickets.com /miltonkeynes.

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railexhibition

A NEW year brings a new venue for what is fast becoming one of the country's largest model railway exhibitions.

The Milton Keynes Model Railway Exhibition 2012 attracted 1,800 people, up 35 per cent on the previous offering, so this year the team have moved the show to Shenley Brook End School, where they will have two large halls – double the space from last year.

For those wishing to get there by train, there is a free bus service from MK Central and Bletchley every half hour.

The exhibition, with dozens of layouts, traders and demonstrations, is on Saturday from 10am-4.30pm. Entry is £5 adults, £3 children and concessions, £10 for family groups of four. There's a discount for those with valid rail tickets.

filmromance

FRIDAY falls a day after Valentine's Day this week, but there's still time for a romantic classic at MK Gallery's weekly film night.

Yes, the Friday Night Film this week is When Harry Met Sally, so if you're still in a loved up mood why not head down and check out this iconic movie.

Starring Billy Crystal as Harry and Meg Ryan as Sally, the story follows the characters from the time they meet just before sharing a cross-country drive, through 12 years or so of chance encounters in New York City.

It starts at 7pm and tickets are £5 or £3 for concessions. There's a free drink if you book before the day on 01908 676900.

dyinghard

IT'S time to scream yippee-ki-yay once again as a fifth Die Hard film is about to hit the screens.

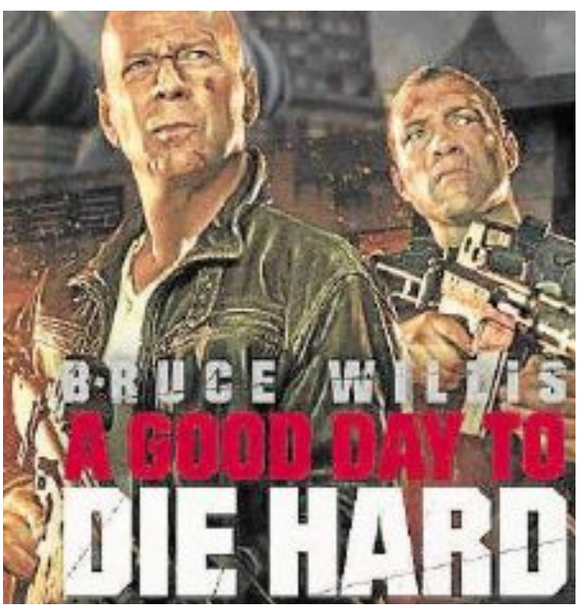
Sylvester Stallone has recently proved that there's life in the old dog yet in action romp Bullet to the Head.

And Bruce Willis is another who is not prepared to hang up his gun just yet as he reprises the role of trailblazing hero John McClane.

Known as A Good Day to Die Hard, the fifth film sees McClane travel to Russia to help his son out of a spot of bother.

Naturally, things are not as simple as that and he soon finds himself embroiled in a worldwide terrorist plot.

If you've seen the previous four films in the franchise and enjoyed them, then you probably won't be disappointed with the latest instalment of thrills, spills and action.



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hairybikers

IT HAS been two years since the Hairy Bikers last embarked on a nationwide tour, but they can't wait to do it all over again.

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The Hairy Bikers appear at MK Theatre on Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18. Tickets cost £25.

alienbattle

ASTONISHINGLY, it was 1979 when Ridley Scott's Alien first hit the screens, but the franchise is still going from strength to strength.

A new video game release this week is Aliens: Colonial Marines, and although Sigourney Weaver is nowhere to be seen, there's still plenty of fun to be had with the infamous space creatures.

Out on all of the major consoles, players become part of the United States Colonial Marine squad who have to do battle with the alien ranks.

You can tackle them on your own, or as part of a team of mates, so prepare to get blasting.

sausagetime

DOCTOR-turned-comic Harry Hill is back on stage, and hits MK Theatre on Friday and Saturday February 22 and 23 with his tour, Sausage Time.

Speaking to MK NEWS reporter Lawrence John, Harry said: "It is great to get back doing stand up.

"But in one respect I never stopped doing it as I did small gigs when I was on TV (presenting Harry Hill's TV Burp).

"I enjoy stand up as it gives me freedom due to the fact if I come up with an idea I can just do it on stage. If it was on television, I would have to speak to the producer and then the director to see what was needed to make it work."

For more from the BAFTA-winning comedian visit the leisure section of www.mk-news.co.uk.

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But the band has also had some hits of its own, such as the first chart smash 'Hey Rock and Roll'.

The six-strong group features original members Rod Deas and Romeo Challenger.

Showaddywaddy appears at The Stables at 8pm on Saturday, February 16. Tickets cost £21.

it'swicked

THE secret's out! There'll be magic (and the odd broomstick) in the air next year when smash hit musical Wicked shakes itself free of all that London dust and hits the open road.

If you've been living under a spell for the last six years, and have no idea what's in store when it comes to Milton Keynes Theatre in 2014, all you need to do is follow the Yellow Brick Road to Oz.

And while you might pass Dorothy and chums somewhere along the way, Wicked is all about the back-story of the land that lies somewhere over the rainbow.

In particular, it's all about the friendship that develops between two girls who first meet as sorcery students at Shiz University; the blonde, popular good-as-gold witch Glinda, and her misunderstood, malevolent evergreen-faced rival, Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West.

More than 35million people around the world have seen the show. And our theatre writer Judy Riley asked Wicked executive producer, Michael McCabe what it is about the show that has made it such a success.

"Wicked is a unique show with a tremendously good, and a clever, story. With so many musicals you know what happens at the end; Wicked came along as a genuinely original musical.

"People see it, love it and want to bring their friends and family back with them to see it. Partly, I think, because the theme of friendship is a universal emotion. We all hope that in life we will meet people with whom we can find real friendship. In Wicked, friendship is tested to the extreme.

"And we are very aware of the importance of value for money, particularly in these difficult times. So we want the audience to come away having had the full West End experience – here in Milton Keynes."

For the full interview go to www.mk-news.co.uk and click on the leisure section.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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lockedin

GET ready for The Lock In, the UK's top folk and hip-hop dance extravaganza, at The Stables on Friday.

The Demon Barbers bring some of the UK's oldest forms of dance up to date as they collide with some of the youngest, in an exciting new dance show.

The Lock In does for English folk dance what Riverdance did for Irish dance. Fast-paced and innovative, the show brings together some of the UK's top clog, sword and Morris dancers with their counterparts from the worlds of b-boying, popping and krump.

Tickets £20, available from 01908 280800. Show starts at 8pm.

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clownaround

DURING half term, clown around with John Lawson's award-winning human circus at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands.

From Tuesday until Sunday, February 24, the circus will take over Frosts. The award-winning show has been voted Britain's Best Small Circus and is the perfect day out for the whole family for just £5.99 per person.

The circus is lead by ringmaster Attilla Endresz and features Georgia on the solo trapeze, Miss Anya with her amazing hula hoops, sword and dagger balancing, trampolining and clowns.

There will be four shows every day. For information call Frosts on 01908 583511.

bikeride

GET fit and have fun cycling around a heart-shaped route.

On Sunday from 11am, take along a loved one and enjoy a leisurely 3.6-mile cycle ride around Willen Lake.

Meet next to the Stone Circle at Willen near the Peace Pagoda, and the mayor, Cllr Catriona Morris, will start the ride at 11.30am.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

For more details or to sign up, visit www.cycleyourheartout.com or contact Milton Keynes Council's cycling officer on 01908 254239 or cycling@miltonkeynes.gov.uk.

iwmduxford

TRY your hand at secret agent-style communications this half term at Imperial War Museum Duxford.

Every day until February 24, there are a host of activities for the whole family.

Discover mystery household objects from a bygone age and try to guess what they were used for in a 1940s home, try on replica uniforms and chat to some wartime characters.

The museum is open every day from 10am-4pm, standard admission applies, children under 15 free.

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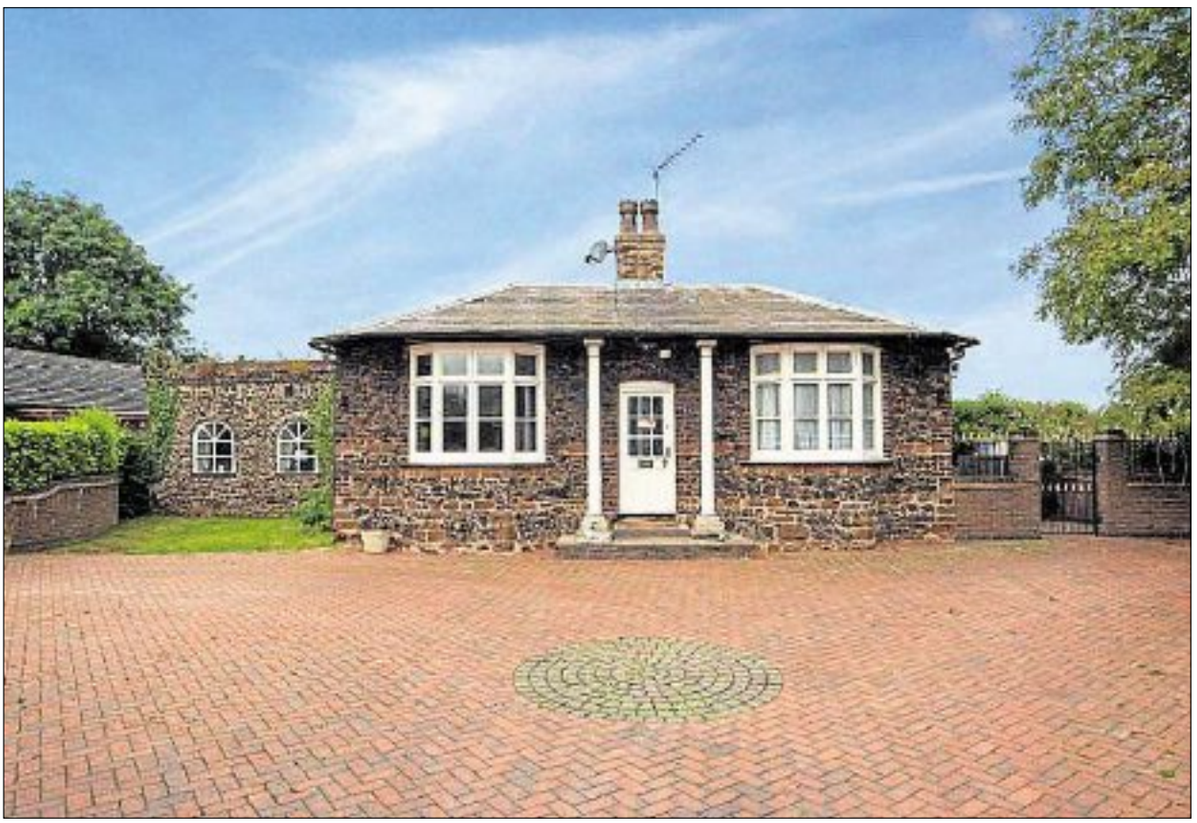

WAVENDON

Lodge Farm is a Grade II listed lodge standing in grounds of approximately six acres with private access. It is available at a guide price of £800,000.

The property comes with stables and barns suitable for equestrian use.

It also offers extensive hard standing, four timber loose boxes, hay store/barn, kitchen, eight kennels and runs, a steel-framed barn with canine hydrotherapy unit, storage and workshops, floodlighting and CCTV.

The property consists of hall, drawing room, 23' kitchen/dining room, utility room, family room/study, master bedroom with ensuite bathroom, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Located on the edge of the village of Wavendon with Wavendon Golf Course close by, Lodge Farm is also within five miles of Woburn Golf and Country Club with its three championship courses.

All enquiries should be made to Wilson Peacock CMK on 01908 606951.

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- Countryside Views
- Six Bathrooms
- Rear Garden
- Village Location

£699,995

Wicken

A wonderfully presented five bedroom detached self build property occupying a generous plot in the heart of this popular village. Designed by the owners to offer plenty of natural light and spacious living.

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Corner Plot Location
- Two En-Suites
- Rear Garden
- Double Garage
- Off Road Parking

£600,000

Shenley Church End

Well presented five bedroom detached property in the sought after area of Shenley Church End. Fully enclosed rear garden backing onto open fields. Block paved driveway provides parking and leads to a detached double garage.

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two En-Suites
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Block Paved Driveway

£575,000

Medbourne

A well presented five bedroom link detached residence situated in an off road location in the sought after area of Medbourne. The rear garden has been landscaped and there is gated access to parking in front of the double garage.

- Five Bedroom Link Detached House
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Master Bedrooms with En-Suites
- Off Road Parking
- Highly Sought after Location
- Well Presented

£445,000

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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Room
- Cloakroom
- Six Bedrooms

A superbly presented six bedroom detached property in the highly sought area of Loughton. The property is accessed through electric gates and sits on a very impressive plot.

£1,150,000

Two Mile Ash

- Cloakroom
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Study/Family Room
- Utility
- Double Garage
- Gardens

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- Fitted Kitchen

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- Conservatory
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- Four Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

Bletchley £275,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Single Garage

Avon Grove £190,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens

The Elms Guide Price £157,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Oliver Road £124,995

- Terrace House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden

Melrose Avenue £93,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Balcony

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- Conservatory
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- Double Garage& Off Road Parking

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- Re-fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Garage
- Gardens

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- Freehold
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

Parker Close £270,000

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Off Road Parking

Felstar Walk £215,000

- Freehold
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden

Adelphi Street £180,000

- Freehold
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Gardens

Felsted £192,500

- Leasehold
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Communal Entrance
- Underground Parking

Blackheath Crescent £165,000

- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Gardens

Ormonde £102,500

- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Garage

Bluebell Gardens £160,000

- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Heaton House £83,500

- Leasehold
- Two Bedrooms
- Communal Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garage Parking

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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

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- Builder Guarantee
- Four Double Bedrooms

North Crawley OIEO £385,000
- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Garage

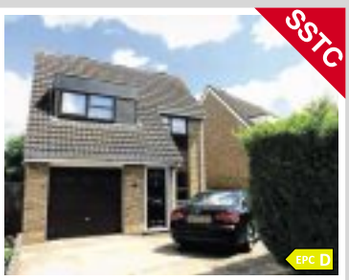
Green Park £325,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Show Home Condition
- Lounge/Diner

Rivers Estate £240,000
- Four bed semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master ensuite

North Crawley £160,000
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall/Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

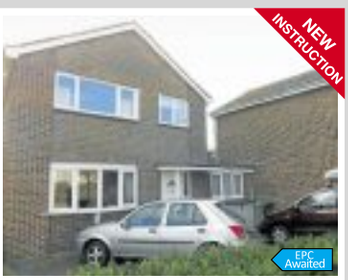
Sold Similar Required £230,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Sold Similar Required £200,000
- Link Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Tandem Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens



Sold Similar Required £200,000
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Good Size Bedrooms
- Solid Oak Floor in Lounge

Sold Similar Required £280,000
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Family Room/Diner/Kitchen
- Integral Garage & Rear Garage



Rivers Estate £250,000
- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen

Off Wolverton Road £245,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom

Poets Estate £230,000
- Semi Detached Property
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- Study & Utility Room
- Lounge & Dining Room

Tattenhoe £385,000

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- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory with Under Floor Heating

Furzton £335,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with Re-fitted En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens

Emerson Valley £329,995

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Master with En-Suite
- Double Garage

Furzton £299,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Shenley Lodge £250,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £250,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Master & Second with En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens

Shenley Brook End £240,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Oakhill £219,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £209,995

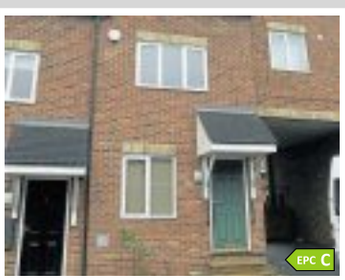
- Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Shenley Church End £185,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Sought after Location
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Shenley Brook End £180,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens



Medbourne £179,999

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Allocated Parking

Medbourne £149,950

- Duplex Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

Tattenhoe £50,000

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- Master with En-Suite
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- Utility Room
- Master with En-Suite
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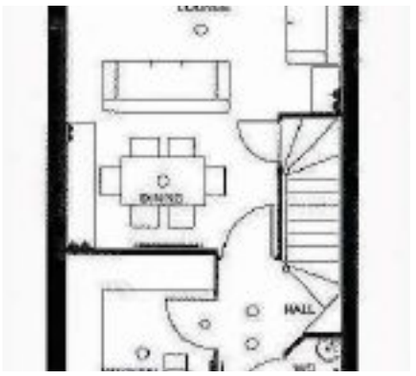
- Garden



Stratford Park £259,995

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage
- Parking

Stratford Park £249,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Kitchen
- Family Room
- Garden
- Parking

Yardley Gobion £220,000

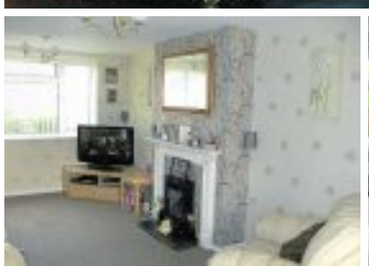
- Five Bedroom Family Home
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Stratford Park £179,995

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom
- Garden
- Parking

North Milton Keynes

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Residental Parking
- Close to the Village of Stony



Deanshanger OIEO £175,000

- Semi-Detached
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazing
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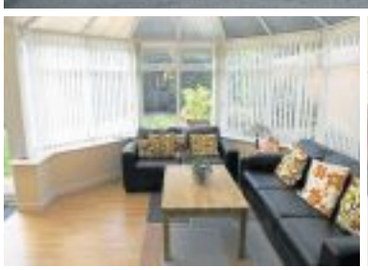

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- Downstairs WC
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
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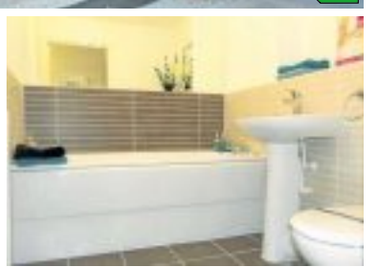
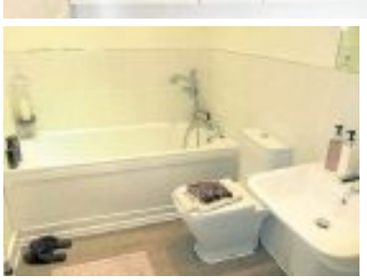
Newton Leys £310,000

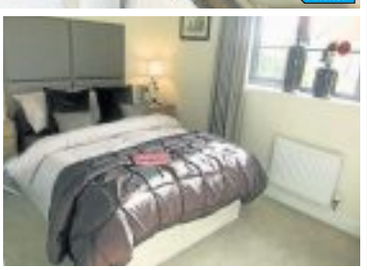
- Village Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Viewing Recommended



South Milton Keynes £229,995

- New Build
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Under Croft Car Port
- Viewing Essential





Bozeat £179,950

- New Build
- Low Maintenance
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- Incentives Available
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Simpson £230,000

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Pennyland £160,000

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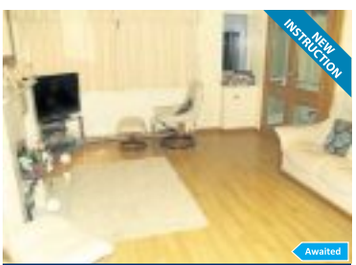

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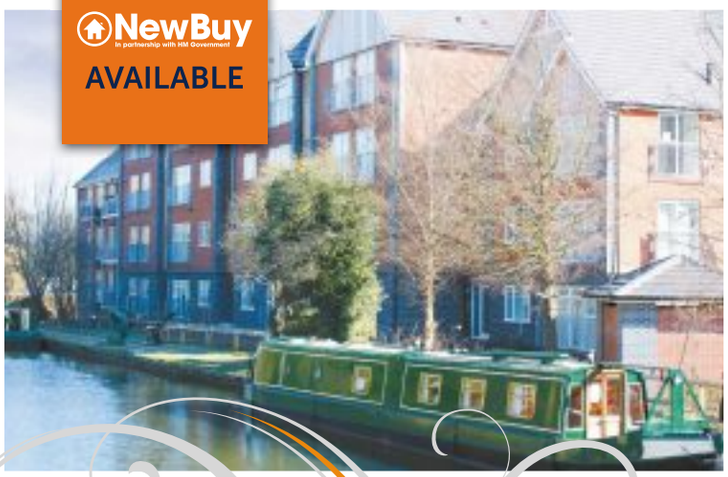

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Further details for any of the above posts can be found on the Redborne Upper School website (www.redborne.com) or the Stratton Upper School website (www.stratton.beds.sch.uk) as well as the websites of our partner schools. Applications must be made online at the following address and applicants must select either Redborne or Stratton in the school name field.

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If you require further information please contact Jon Gunn at Redborne Upper School or Jane Harper at Stratton Upper School.

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Closing Date for applications to the second round of interviews is: Sunday 24th February, 2013

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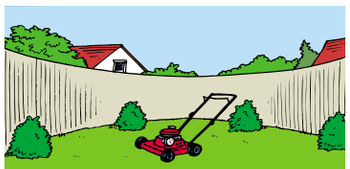

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LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991

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In respect of agricultural land and buildings in their District	£56,303

In respect of the Special Levies £560,952 as follows:-

Aylesbury Vale District Council	£22,094
Central Bedfordshire Council	£211,913
Cherwell District Council	£82
Milton Keynes Council	£314,625
South Northamptonshire District Council	£12,238

13th February 2013

Mrs F C Bowler
Clerk of the Board
Cambridge House
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MK42 0LH

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

BKS Specialist Services Ltd of Unisys Customer Services Centre, Tongwell Street, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0YS is applying for a licence to use Unisys Customer Services Centre, Tongwell Street, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0YS as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicles.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must a the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Licensing Act 2003
Notice of application to VARY a Premises Licence

Name of applicant: Cooperative group Food Limited

Address of Premises: 62 High Street Newport Pagnell MK16 8AQ

The premises currently have the benefit of a Premises Licence number 083341. The purpose of this application is to vary the hours when licensable activities may take place and to remove the prescribed opening hours. The proposed activities are Sunday from 07:00 to 22:30.

Anyone wishing to make a representation to this application may do so by Monday 25 February 2013.

A record of the application made to the Licensing Authority will be kept on a register at the address given below and the register may be inspected during normal office hours.

All representations regarding this application MUST BE IN WRITING and sent to:

Licensing Team
Milton Keynes Council
Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes
MK9 3HQ
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www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine of £5000 on summary conviction for the offence.

Ward Hadaway

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 122(1), (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Great Linford Marsh Drive Milton Keynes MK14 5AX.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Community Asset Transfer Programme Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 18 February 2013. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Community Asset Transfer programme at the above address.

For more information about Community Asset Transfer contact Neil Hanley, C.A.T. programme manager, on 01908 253632.

7 February 2013

Milton Keynes Council

Milton Keynes Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer - Next Assets for Transfer

The Council's Community Asset Transfer Programme is about giving the community more control over the facilities that they use – such as leisure and community centres, libraries and open space.

Public meetings for the next tranche of five assets have been arranged at various venues as laid out in the table below. The Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer was adopted on 31 July 2012.

Asset Opening for Application	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
George St Community Centre	19 March 2013	17:45 – 18:45	Coronation Hall, 3 Stoke Road, Bletchley MK2 3AB
Browns Wood Sports Ground	21 March 2013	18:00 – 19:00	Simpson Village Hall, Simpson Road, Simpson MK6 3AD
Toombes Field Sports Ground	22 March 2013	18:00 – 19:00	Stony Stratford Library, 5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BD
Shenley Lodge Meeting Place	26 March 2013	18:00 – 19:00	Shenley Lodge MP, 5 Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge, MK5 7DE
Bradville Hall & Tennis Courts	27 March 2013	19:00 – 20:00	Bradville Hall, Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK13 7AY

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Sanders or Neil Hanley on the details below:

Paul Sanders	Neil Hanley
Asst. Director, Community Facilities	C.A.T. Programme Manager
Tel: 01908 253639	Tel: 01908 253632
paul.sanders@milton-keynes.gov.uk	neil.hanley@milton-keynes.gov.uk

APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at the Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 18 February 2013 until Friday 8 March 2013.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Monday 11 March 2013.

Karen Ford, Proper Officer for Registration

Name and Address of Applicant:
Jurys Inn Milton Keynes, Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2HP

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, EAGLESTONE, FISHERMEAD, PEARTREE BRIDGE, BROUGHTON, MONKSTON, MONKSTON PARK, LEADENHALL AND COFFEE HALL) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely the Milton Keynes Festival of Running Half Marathon (including 10K and 11K runs), which is being promoted by Dr Mick Bromilow, Chair of the Milton Keynes Athletics Club. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:-

1. prohibit vehicular access along, and pedestrian access across, parts of some roads within Central Milton Keynes, Eaglestone, Fishermead, Peartree Bridge, Broughton, Monkston, Monkston Park, Leadenhall and Coffee Hall;
2. prohibit access to a car parking area and some portes cocheres within Central Milton Keynes,
3. suspend some parking bays within Central Milton Keynes;
4. prohibit right turns onto the V7 Saxon Street from various roads within Milton Keynes.

It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 10 March 2013 from 8.00 am until 4.00 pm:-

ROLLING ROAD CLOSURES – 10K RUN (including access roads to car park areas):-

- **Avebury Boulevard** – From its junction with Bankfield Roundabout to its junction with Saxon Gate – including all car park access roads;
- **Marlborough Gate** – From its junction with Bankfield Roundabout to its junction with Xscape car park;
- **Saxon Gate** (southbound carriageway only) – From its junction with Midsummer Boulevard to its junction with South Saxon Roundabout;
- **V7 Saxon Street** (southbound carriageway only) – From its junction with H6 Childs Way to its junction with Coffee Hall Roundabout;
- **The spur road, Eaglestone** – between the V7 Saxon Street and its junction with Harrier Drive and Golden Drive;
- **Golden Drive, Eaglestone** – From its junction with the spur road to Kite Hill redway.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR THE V7 SAXON STREET ROLLING ROAD CLOSURE:-

- Whilst the V7 Saxon Street is temporarily closed the alternative route will be via the H5 Portway, the V8 Marlborough Street, the H8 Standing Way, the V7 Saxon Street (northbound carriageway), Saxon Gate and the H5 Portway (and vice versa).

FULL ROAD CLOSURES – 10K RUN:-

- **H6 Childs Way** – From its junction with South Saxon Roundabout to its junction with South Secklow Roundabout
- **H7 Chaffron Way** – From its junction with Eaglestone Roundabout to its junction with Fishermead Roundabout;
- **Waterside, Peartree Bridge** – Adjacent to the Youth Centre at its junction with the V8 Marlborough Street.

Roads subject to a rolling closure will be re-opened as soon as race contestants have passed through them. There will be no alternative routes other than for the V7 Saxon Street.

FULL ROAD CLOSURES – 11K RUN

- **Flaxley Gate, Monkston** – From its junction with the H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Blanchard Circle, Monkston;
- **Colindale Street, Monkston Park** – From its junction with the H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Rayners Lane, Monkston Park.

ROLLING ROAD CLOSURES (marshalled at all times)

- **Tanfield Lane, Broughton** – From its junction with Kingswear Drive to its junction with Bewdley Grove;
- **Milton Road, Monkston Park** – Adjacent to Broughton Brook.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:-

- **Flaxley Gate, Monkston** – Whilst Flaxley Gate is temporarily closed the alternative route will be via the H7 Chaffton Way, the V11 Tongwell Street, Lindisfarne Drive and Blanchard Circle (and vice versa).
- **Colindale Street, Monkston Park** – Whilst Colindale Street is temporarily closed the alternative route will be via the H7 Chaffron Way, the V10 Brickhill Street, Plaistow Crescent, Queensbury Lane and Rayners Lane (and vice versa).

Roads subject to a rolling closure will be re-opened as soon as race contestants have passed through them.

CLOSURE OF CAR PARKING AREA AND SERVICE ROAD:-

The car parking area to the north of the Xscape building bounded by Secklow Gate, Avebury Boulevard and the service road leading from Bankfield Roundabout to the Xscape car park, Central Milton Keynes.

SUSPENSION OF PARKING BAYS:-

All premium rate tariff and standard rate tariff parking bays to the north of the Xscape building bounded by Secklow Gate and Avebury Boulevard will be temporarily suspended.

CLOSURE OF PORTE COCHERES:-

Pedestrian access across Avebury Boulevard via portes cocheres will be prohibited from its junction with Bankfield Roundabout to its junction with Saxon Gate.

PROHIBITION OF TURNING RIGHT ONTO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE V7 SAXON STREET FROM THE FOLLOWING ROADS:-

- Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes (eastbound) at its junction with Saxon Gate;
- H6 Childs Way (eastbound) at its junction with the V7 Saxon Street;
- H7 Chaffron Way (eastbound) at its junction with the V7 Saxon Street;
- Fulwoods Drive, Leadenhall at its junction with the V7 Saxon Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The road closures and alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual. All local diversions will be indicated by traffic signs.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the restrictions.

The proposed order will come into operation on Sunday 10 March 2013 at 8.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner. It is expected that the event will continue for one day only.

A copy of the proposed order, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order and a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number BAS-P&E-006818-2093.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

13 February 2013

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02493/LBC	Listed building consent for removal of existing servery counter and installation of timber servery to the rear of the bar at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/00056/FUL	Proposed new vehicular crossover at 17 Church Lane, Loughton
13/00070/MKCOD3	Construction of a single storey flat roofed extension as a new staff room/staff resource area; construction of a single storey conservatory as a cloakroom at St Andrews C of E Infant School, High Street, Great Linford
13/00179/TCA	Notification of intention to re-coppice stems of Red Dogwood and Willow regeneration at Parkland at Great Linford Manor, High Street, Great Linford
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02496/LBC	Replacement piers x4 to front elevation at Gospel Hall, Gold Street, Hanslope
13/00043/LBC	Listed building consent to remove 2 x internal walls at Cox & Robinson, 1 Market Square, Stony Stratford
13/00050/FUL	Installation of photovoltaic array on south aisle roof at St Marys Church, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes
13/00051/LBC	Listed building consent for installation of photovoltaic array on south aisle roof of St Marys Church, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes
13/00205/LBC	Listed building consent for internal alterations to Building A at Wyvern School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
13/00088/FUL	Change of use from Restaurant (use class A3) to Business/office use (use class B1) with conversion of former kitchen extension to office use at 15 Warren Yard, Wolverton Mill
13/00089/LBC	Listed building consent for change of use from Restaurant (use class A3) to Business/office use (use class B1) with conversion of former kitchen extension to office use at 15 Warren Yard, Wolverton Mill
13/00105/FUL	Installation of roof lights to the hay loft, a new door to the west elevation and an additional window to the north elevation at Wavendon Manor, 18 Cross End, Wavendon
13/00106/LBC	Listed building consent for the installation of roof lights to the hay loft, a new door to the west elevation and an additional window to the north elevation at Wavendon Manor, 18 Cross End, Wavendon

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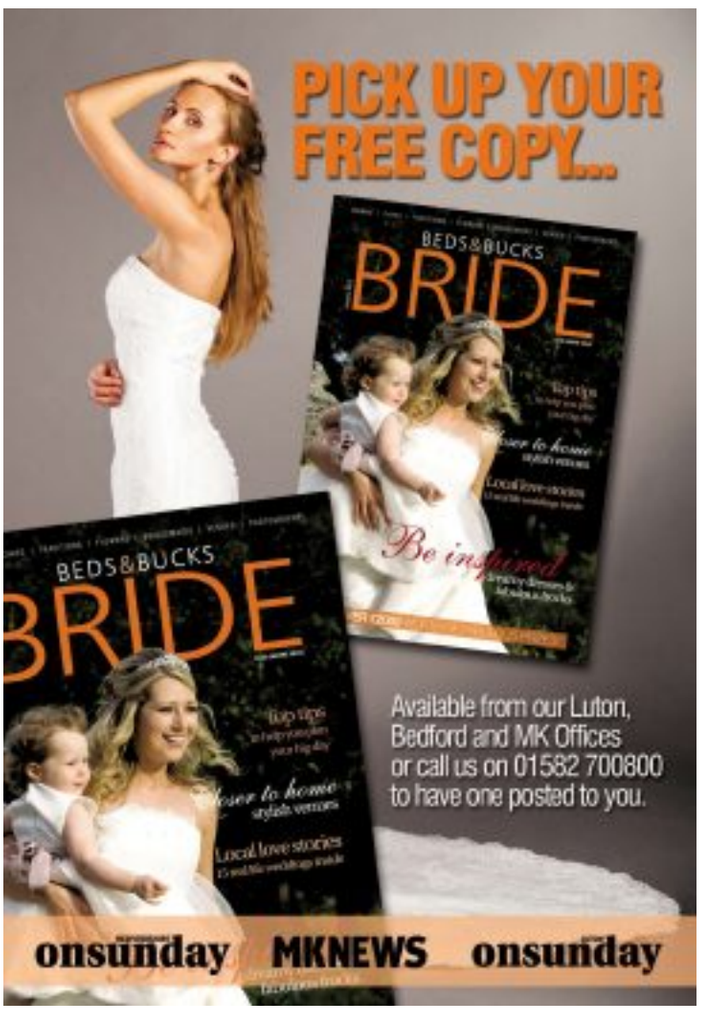

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HIGH JUMP: Daniel Powell contests the ball with Doncaster's Andy Grinn last night

HEADS UP: Karl Robinson endured a frustrating evening

Pictures by Andy Handley

We should have won the game claims Robinson

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free header for Dons following a corner.

Billy Paynter looked certain to score when the ball fell kindly for him just outside of the six yard box but he somehow ballooned his shot over the crossbar.

This was a huge let-off for Dons who were nearly made to pay for not converting their first half chances into goals.

In the second half Dons again started brightly and they produced the best football of the match so far on 50 minutes.

Chadwick and McLeod were both involved as Doncaster were split open but when the ball found its way to the well placed Dan Powell the winger opted not to shoot first time and he steered off target.

Dons continued to ask the questions, often breaking at speed against a back-pedalling Rovers defence.

With Chadwick back from injury the visitors were demonstrating a flair which hadn't been seen in recent weeks and the home crowd was growing increasingly restless.

Despite this time continued to tick away without a precious Dons goal, a fact Gary MacKenzie nearly put right in the 72nd minute with a header which dropped just the wrong side of the upright. Chadwick's excellent shift was ended early when Robinson opted to replace the recovering midfielder, who returned from knee ligament damage against Oldham on Saturday, with Adam Chicksen.

A Bowditch volley dipped over the top of the bar as Dons continued to perform well except where it mattered.

The game mirrored Dons' performances earlier in the season, where they were the better side but failed to make that dominance count.

This cost Robinson's men a number of points and they can ill-afford for that trend to start again with games running out in the promotion race.

Although this was a better performance than the dismal 3-1 defeat to Oldham, which prompted Robinson to apologise to chairman Pete Winkelman, Dons need wins and not draws at this stage of the season and this was an excellent chance to register one.

A McLeod effort which flew horribly off target late on summed up the evening for the visitors.

Dons are now ten points adrift of the play-off spots and have moved up to 12th in League One.

Robinson singled out McLeod for praise despite his misses.

"He gave their two centre backs a torrid time," he said. "Yeah he missed chances, but you know what you get with Izale

"All of his chances today, he created himself. "You get the odd erratic strike from him but we will also get one which flies into the top corner of the net."

Attention now turns to Saturday's FA Cup fifth round tie with Barnsley, when a place in the quarter finals will be up for grabs.

The entire Tykes squad watched Dons in action against Doncaster.

Doncaster: G.Woods, Quinn, Spurr, McCombe, Jones, M.Woods, Griffin (Harper 46), Cotterill, Coppinger, Husband, Paynter (Sinclair 69). **Unused subs**: Maxted, Martis, Bennett, Wakefield, Fowler.

Dons: Martin, Otsemobor, Lewington, MacKenzie, Williams, Potter, Bowditch, Powell, Harley, McLeod, Chadwick (Chicksen 73). **Unused subs**: Doumbe, Smith, Flanagan, Baldock, Lines.

Att: 6423 (180).

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MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

OUR league form has a hit a bit of a blip during January but nobody is giving up on promotion to the Championship.

We've had a discussion and believe that we now need to win eight to ten games to get into a position where we can go up.

We need to get back to winning on a regular basis and that means getting that winning mentality back.

There needs to be the correct attitude and a willingness to compete, we need a little spark.

Some have asked whether our FA Cup run has had an adverse impact on our fortunes in the league.

You hear sayings like 'after the lord mayor's show' but personally I don't believe in it.

For the league games the lads have not done anything differently.

The preparations have been exactly the same – we've explored carefully the opposition's strengths and weaknesses – it just hasn't gone right on the pitch.

Besides, the FA Cup symbolises everything you believe in as a young lad and it would annoy me if we were not still in the hat.

We host Barnsley in the fifth round on Saturday and that will be a difficult game as they are in a great run of form at the moment.

They had a great 3-2 away win at Middlesbrough which is always a tough place to go, and having had them watched they are playing with a lot of passion at the moment, regularly pressing from the front.

Both sides will view the game as a winnable tie which represents a great chance of reaching the quarter finals.

Reaching that stage with a League One side would be another historic achievement, to add to the history the gaffer has already achieved in the cup this season.

FIXTURES

SAT	BARNSLEY (H) (FAC)
FEB 23	CARLISLE (A)
FEB 26	PORTSMOUTH (A)
MAR 2	PRESTON (H)
MAR 5	DONCASTER (H)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bournemouth	32	9	6	1	31	13	7	4	5	26	27	17	58
Doncaster Rovers	31	7	3	6	19	18	10	3	2	25	11	15	57
Tranmere Rovers	31	8	4	3	25	12	8	4	4	22	17	18	56
Swindon Town	31	8	5	3	33	9	7	5	3	19	12	31	55
Sheffield United	31	6	6	3	24	17	8	6	2	20	12	15	54
Brentford	31	9	5	2	28	17	5	7	3	17	15	13	54
Yeovil Town	31	9	2	5	27	17	8	1	6	25	23	12	54
Coventry City	32	5	5	6	22	19	8	3	5	29	21	11	47
Walsall	32	7	4	5	24	23	6	4	6	21	24	-2	47
Leyton Orient	31	8	2	6	18	16	6	2	7	17	21	-2	46
Notts County	31	5	4	6	19	18	6	7	3	24	16	9	44
MK Dons	30	8	3	4	22	16	4	5	6	18	18	6	44
Crewe Alexandra	31	8	2	5	17	14	4	6	6	21	26	-2	44
Stevenage	30	4	5	6	19	25	8	2	5	18	16	-4	43
Crawley Town	29	6	4	4	23	20	6	2	7	15	22	-4	42
Carlisle United	31	6	3	7	23	31	5	3	7	16	23	-15	39
Preston North	31	3	7	6	20	21	5	4	6	19	21	-3	35
Scunthorpe	32	4	5	7	20	28	5	3	8	16	24	-16	35
Shrewsbury	32	5	7	4	19	17	2	6	8	15	23	-6	34
Colchester United	31	6	3	7	19	20	3	2	10	12	27	-16	32
Oldham Athletic	31	4	3	8	16	19	4	3	9	16	26	-13	30
Bury	31	3	5	7	14	21	2	7	7	17	25	-15	27
Portsmouth	32	3	2	11	17	25	2	5	9	16	31	-23	22
Hartlepool United	31	2	4	9	11	23	2	5	9	15	29	-26	21

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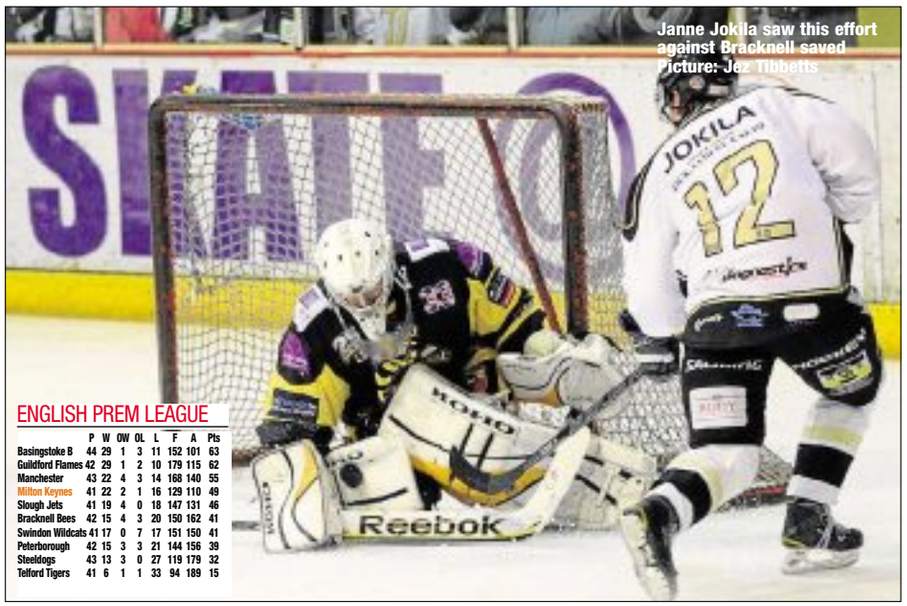
Poole eyes play-offs



Janne Jokila saw this effort against Bracknell saved Picture: Jaz Tibbetts

ENGLISH PREM LEAGUE

	P	W	OW	OL	L	F	A	Pts
Basingstoke B	44	29	1	3	11	152	101	63
Guildford Flames	42	29	1	2	10	179	115	62
Manchester	43	22	4	3	14	168	140	55
Milton Keynes	41	22	2	1	16	129	110	49
Slough Jets	41	19	4	0	18	147	131	46
Bracknell Bees	42	15	4	3	20	150	162	41
Swindon Wildcats	41	17	0	7	17	151	150	41
Peterborough	42	15	3	3	21	144	156	39
Steeldogs	43	13	3	0	27	119	179	32
Telford Tigers	41	6	1	1	33	94	189	15

NICK Poole wants his Lightning side to enter the end-of-season play-offs with all guns blazing after an impressive maximum points haul at the weekend.

The city side are in good spirits after finally following up a Saturday victory with success on Sunday thanks to home and away wins over Bracknell Bees.

Lightning were in imperious form on Saturday as they thrashed their opponents 8-2 on home ice. A strong travelling performance then saw them win 4-2 in Berkshire.

Poole's side had not previously doubled up since early December but the victories have moved them up to fourth in the English Premier League – with 12 games remaining before the end of season play-off competition.

It will be that trophy which will be the side's main focus as Lightning are now 14 points behind leaders Basingstoke Bison in the race for the overall title, with the Hampshire skaters looking to be in a two-way fight with Guildford for overall glory.

However, Lightning are just six points behind third place Manchester Phoenix with two games in hand, so overhauling them is a realistic target.

"Obviously everyone is on a high at the moment," coach Poole said.

"We had a big win over Guildford recently on their ice, followed by a four point weekend over Bracknell - and you can't underestimate the Bees, they're a much better side than last year and have had some big results.

"Moving up to fourth place and within reach of third is a big boost for us but it's down to us to use that and build up a head of steam going into the play-offs.

"We've had a lot of injuries but the news has been much better recently so we want to use that as a springboard."

Lightning take on Sheffield Steeldogs at home on Saturday, before a tricky trip to title-chasing Basingstoke on Sunday.

"The boys did us proud this weekend," assistant coach Lewis Clifford said.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wolves set to roar again

Lending his support: Sam Tomkins dons the Wolves kit

MK WOLVES are aiming to go from strength to strength as they prepare for the second season in their history.

Last year's experiment of bringing rugby league to the city was very much a learning curve for the fledgling club, who picked up just one win and one draw on their debut season in the East Regional division.

Three games had to be postponed as Wolves could not find enough players to field a side, a scenario the club are keen to avoid this time around.

A recruitment drive is under way and the club have also appointed a new coach in Wayne Kelly, a player for the semi-pro Hemel Stags.

Wolves also have the distinction of being backed by superstar of the sport Sam Tomkins, the 2012 winner of Super League's prestigious Man of Steel award.

Wigan Warriors and England man Tomkins was born in Milton Keynes and although his family moved to Lancashire when he was young, he has still taken an interest in the rugby league story in his birthplace, taking on the role of Wolves honorary president.

"I see Sam a bit and obviously he has some links with Milton Keynes," club publicity officer Pete Nuttall said. "He still asks after us.

"Last season we were operating on bare bones, so we need a larger pool of players.

"We want to build on last year when we were finding our feet in the dark a little, and hopefully we can crack on."

Wolves' lone victory first time around was an impressive one as the 38-24 success came against then table toppers St. Ives Roosters.

"The first job is to fulfil our fixtures and the second is to be competitive," Nuttall said.

"If we can do that there's not a great deal between all of the teams."

A player recruitment evening for anyone interested in joining the club is being held at the team's home of Emerson Valley pavilion on February 20, with a 7pm start.

The club are also looking for sponsors to help with financial demands when the season starts in May. Any interested companies should e-mail pete@p10productions.co.uk.

Tomkins has said he was only too happy to promote Wolves.

"I'm a huge supporter of grassroots rugby," he said.

ATHLETICS

Clarke wins UK indoor title as MK clinch league

SPRINTER Chris Clarke claimed the 200m title at the European Trials and UK Indoor Championships in Sheffield.

The MK Athletic Club athlete cruised through his heat in a time of 21.33s and went even faster in Sunday's final, winning the competition in a club record of 20.96s.

It marks an excellent start to the season for Clarke, who won a World Indoor bronze medal as part of the Great Britain 4x100m relay team in Doha in 2010.

The 23-year-old also has two European Junior Championships gold medals, in the 400m and the 4x400m relay, and a World Youth Championships gold in the 400m in his collection.

He missed out on a spot at the London Olympics last summer after failing tor record the required qualifying time, but will now be looking to have a strong campaign in 2013.

Meanwhile, the club also captured the Chiltern League Cross Country title for the 13th time in just 16 years.

Milton Keynes needed to overturn a 289 point lead held by Bedford and County AC at the last meeting of the competition at Wing and they did this in fine style – beating their near rivals by a 326 point margin.

The senior men and senior women both won their categories during strong final outings with both moving up from second place overall to claim top spot.

There were also overall category wins for the U17 and U20 women, and individually Owen Seamark won the M15 title with Alfie Yabsley coming second in the M13 age group. Amy Radford finished the year as the third F15.

Fourth placed Chad Lambert led home the winning senior men in Wing in a time of 34m, 27s, chased as usual by Tom Comerford who was seventh in a time of 35.03.

Lara Bromilowwas first back for the senior women in sixth, followed by Wendy Webber in seventh and Charlotte Harris in ninth.

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HOCKEY

A DEPLETED MK Mens' firsts side suffered a heavy 5-1 defeat at second in the table Chichester on Saturday.

The city outfit, who are 11th out of 12 teams in the South League Premier Division One, never recovered from falling 3-0 behind in the first half.

They did pull a goal back when Brett Holland deflected a strike into the net, but Chichester ended any hopes of a comeback by adding another pair of goals.

There was better luck for the seconds who remain on course for promotion after a 4-1 win over Ashford, thanks to goals from Giacomo Palmiero, Dave Breuilly, Phil Mayles and Jo Vernon.

The thirds lost 5-3 to Slough, the fifths picked up a fine 6-2 away win at Tring. MK Samurai also played Tring, losing 4-3.

Meanwhile, the Ladies' firsts were narrowly beaten 3-2 by table toppers Chiswick, and the seconds suffered two defeats – an 8-0 league reverse to Buckingham and then a 4-0 defeat to Matlock in the quarter finals of the EHB Women's second XI Trophy.

The thirds were beaten 3-0 by Wokingham.

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes extended their winning run to 12 matches with a 14-0 away victory over Alchester in the Southern Counties North.

The promotion chasers prevented their opponents from registering any points in their first game since January 12 and are now third in the table, four points behind leaders Grove and two points adrift of second placed Reading Abbey with a game in hand over both.

They would have been hoping for a bonus point win against Alchester but had to make do with two converted tries.

Elsewhere in the division there was a narrow 19-17 victory for Olney at Thatcham, which has kept them fifth in the table.

In the South West 1 East there was an important win for Bletchley who won for the first time since November 17 thanks to a 30-11 away triumph over Buckinghamshire rivals High Wycombe. The win leaves Bletchley 11th out of 14 teams.

TABLE TENNIS

ANDREW Baggaley has been called up by England for the Commonwealth Championships, to be held in New Delhi between May 5-10.

The Milton Keynes Olympian will be joined by Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford and Daniel Reed, and will be looking to claim England's first gold medal since Matthew Syed won the men's singles in 2001.

Two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist Baggaley will also use the competition to prepare against some of his rivals ahead of Glasgow 2014.

Last week he helped England to a 3-1

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Dons find form but not the net in goalless draw at Doncaster

BY DAN PALMER
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DONS returned to form against high flying Doncaster Rovers last night but they had to settle for a frustrating 0-0 draw at the Keepmoat Stadium.

Karl Robinson's side enjoyed the better of the contest against a Rovers team who are second in League One but they could not find the back of the net.

However, it does mean Dons have halted a run of three defeats in a row.

"How have we not won that?," Robinson said. "Did they have a shot on target?

"We have come to a team who are second and we deserved all three points.

"I knew I'd get a reponse today and the players knew they'd respond."

Izale McLeod had a golden chance to open the scoring early on but after Luke Chadwick's initial low drive was parried away by Gary Woods, he could only steer the rebound wide from close range.

At the other end Andy Griffin caught hold of a long range volley sweetly but the strike flew well clear of David Martin's left post.

McLeod came close again with a curling effort which dropped wide and Dean Bowditch was also narrowly off target from the edge of the box as Dons began to press their opponents and get on top in the half..

A slip by home defender Jamie McCombe allowed McLeod a third promising chance of the half but with a Doncaster defender tracking back, the angle eventually became too tight for the striker and Woods was able to bat away his shot.

Rovers looked far from automatic promotion contenders in a first half when they were allowed to express little quality, and Brian Flynn's side were perhaps suffering from a lack of confidence thanks to their own bad run which has seen them lose the last two matches.

They did have the best chance of the half though after Jon Otsemobor had wasted a

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HIGH JUMP: Ryan Harley hurdles a challenge during the goalless draw at the Keepmoat Stadium last night. Picture: Andy Handley

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